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For: LINEAR ACTUATOR, AND)		
PRODUCTION AND INSPECTION)		
METHOD THEREOF)		

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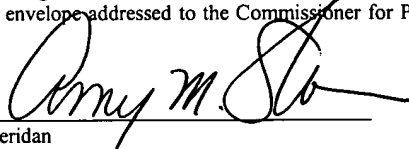
Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants make the below-listed documents of record in the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not a representation that the information cited is effective as prior art to the application or is material to patentability.

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Pursuant to MPEP §609A(3), Applicant encloses the International Search Report from the counterpart application. This document include listings of the cited references and comments on them. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in this document were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office or PCT in a counterpart foreign or PCT application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. The following references are submitted:

U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,157,103 to Ohta et al., issued December 5, 2000; and
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,913,084 to Bollinger et al. , issued October 14, 1975.

Foreign Patent Documents

1. Nippondenso Co. Ltd, Japanese Publication No. JP-08-308205, published on November 22, 1996 (with English language abstract).

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A copy of the above-listed documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed.

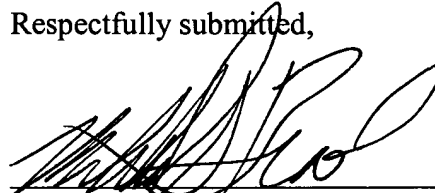
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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b). Therefore, it is believed that no fee is required in connection with this submission. If a fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2298, in the name of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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